



The Commonwealth Hotel, Richmond, VA
Hybrid Zoom Access for Thursday, 6/5: [LINK](#) & Friday, 6/6: [LINK](#)

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Meeting Objectives:

- Understand land use changes over time and impacts on natural resources and people
- Explore existing policy and planning tools and barriers to their use
- Discuss possible roles of state and federal partners in local land use issues
- Discuss what it could mean to 'elevate conservation' within the Chesapeake Bay Program

Thursday June 5, 2025: Senate Room

- 10:00 am** **Call to Order**
Marty Qually, LGAC Chair
- 10:10 am** **Big Picture: Changing land use is impacting natural resources**
Introductory remarks about the Chesapeake Bay Program, changing land use and impacts to natural resources from the current chair of the Principals' Staff Committee.
Secretary Josh Kurtz, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- 10:30 am** **Background: How and where is land use changing?**
An overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program's high resolution land use data, including trends around how and where land use is changing across the watershed.
Presenter: Peter Claggett, US Geological Survey
- 11:15 am** **Background: Impacts of changing land use on natural resources and people**
A case study from York County, PA demonstrating the impacts of changing land use on one county's natural resources, economy, housing and quality of life.
Presenter: Silas Chamberlin, York County Economic Alliance
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm** **Background: What policy and planning tools currently exist?**
Local governments have a suite of policy and planning tools at their disposal when making land use decisions in their community.
Presenter: Richard Hankins, Partnership for Smarter Growth
- 2:00 pm** **Panel: How can the Chesapeake Bay Program support local land use decisions?**
A discussion about how land use planning works in different states and how state and federal partners can better support planning at the local level.
Facilitator: Richard Baugh, VA LGAC Member
Panelists:
 - *Sarah Stewart, Plan RVA*
 - *Andrew Stine, Frederick County, MD*
 - *Elizabeth Grant, PA LGAC Member*
 - *Katie Brownson, US Forest Service*
 - *Chris Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council*
- 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:15 pm** **Chesapeake Bay Program updates**

An overview of the proposed changes to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, including updated goals and outcomes, and a description of the path ahead.

Presenter: Deputy Director Khesha Reed, Chesapeake Bay Program

4:00 pm Discussion on proposed changes to the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*

A facilitated discussion on the updated goals and outcomes that are of particular relevance to local governments.

Facilitator: Marty Qually, LGAC Chair

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Dinner in the Governor Room

Friday June 6, 2025: Senate Room

7:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am Welcome

Marty Qually, LGAC Chair

8:10 am Business Meeting

- Executive Committee Report (Chair and First Vice Chair)
- LGAC Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)
- Local Leadership Workgroup Report (LLWG Chair)
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay update (CEO)

9:15 am Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates

10:00 am Background: Why the Chesapeake Bay Program is focused on conservation

A summary of how the Chesapeake Bay Program has historically thought about conservation and why it is an area of focus now.

Presenter: Keith Bollt, Chesapeake Bay Program

10:45 am Panel: How can the Chesapeake Bay Program 'elevate conservation' while supporting local governments?

A discussion about how state partners define conservation, how they are already doing conservation and how conservation can be more fully integrated as a pillar of the Chesapeake Bay Program's work.

Facilitator: Josh Hastings, LGAC Member

Panelists:

- *Kevin McLean, VA DEQ*
- *Leila Duman, MD DNR*
- *Claire Jantz, PA DCNR*
- *Ben Alexandro, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership*
- *David Lillard, Stakeholders' Advisory Committee*

11:45 am Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting

- New Business
- Future Agenda Items
- Action Items from this meeting

12:00 pm Adjourn

Next LGAC Quarterly Meeting: Thursday September 4th - Friday September 5th, 2025

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